Award Title:	Certificate of Commendation
Opening Date:	Applications are open all year round.
Prize	A formal letter bearing the College crest. Up to 70 certificates may be awarded each year.
Presentation event included?	Can be formally presented at a Faculty Annual General Meeting (if applicable)
Application submitted via:	Award Force
Nominee member status:	Nominations are open to active Members of the College only.
Who can nominate:	Nominations can be submitted through peer nomination or put forward by the RCGP Fellowship and Awards Committee. Self-nominations are not permitted.
Nominator Requirements:	Nominator must be Full member if seconder/s is/are non-member. Nominator can be non-member if seconder/s is/are Full member
Specialty Field:	Excellence, or primary care more broadly
Seconders:	Two required – each to submit 250–500-word letters. At least one Seconder must be a Full member if nominator is non-member. Seconder can be non-member if nominator is Full member. GMC number (where applicable):
Declaration of Interest and Probity Forms:	Yes
Criteria review date:	November 2026

RCGP Certificate of Commendation

The RCGP Certificate of Commendation recognises GPs and other individuals whose exceptional contributions have demonstrably improved outcomes in general practice and primary care, benefiting patients, staff or both.

ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO ENTER

1. Eligibility: Candidates should normally be either long-standing Members of the College or non-medical individuals who have made a significant contribution to general practice or the wider field of primary care.

2. Nomination criteria: Nominations must demonstrate the candidate's sustained individual contribution to excellence in general practice. They should clearly articulate the candidate's personal impact, demonstrating how their contribution extends beyond that of the team or organisation in which they work and how their achievements go above and beyond the expectations of their employed role.

3. Submission of nominations: All nominations must be submitted online via Award Force. Each nomination must be supported by a seconder, who must provide a supporting letter of between 250 and 500 words, outlining the candidate's contribution and explaining why they merit the award.

4. Submission period: Applications are open throughout the year. There is no annual closing date, and nominations may be submitted at any time via Award Force.

5. Administrative and probity checks: Candidates nominated for the RCGP Certificate of Commendation will be subject to the College's standard administrative and probity procedures.